

Questions and Answers concerning the Juror Questionnaire Form

If you received a questionnaire concerning juror qualification we have provided a list of the most commonly asked questions.

WHY DID I GET THIS FORM?

Every four years, this court refreshes the people who it may use for jury service. The form that you received will help determine your qualifications for this service. Some people may be exempt from serving on a jury while others will be qualified. Please complete the form and return it promptly to the Court in the envelope provided.

HOW WAS MY NAME SELECTED?

Your name was randomly selected from the county voter registration lists.

WHAT HAPPENS IF I DO NOT FILL OUT AND COMPLETE THE FORM?

The Court may at its discretion issue a summons or warrant for an appearance in Court. This is often called a Show-Cause hearing. At this hearing, the Court may levy a fine, impose a sentence of imprisonment, community service or a combination of all three for not completing the questionnaire. Keep in mind, this is not a summons for jury service, but rather a form used in the process to determine whether you will be called in the future.

I AM OVER SEVENTY. DO I NEED TO COMPLETE THIS FORM?

Yes, while people over 70 may be excused, it is important that the form is completed so that you may be exempted for age.

I DON'T LIVE IN THE SAME COUNTY AS SAVANNAH, AUGUSTA, DUBLIN, STATESBORO, BRUNSWICK OR WAYCROSS. WHY WOULD I HAVE GOTTEN A QUESTIONNAIRE?

There are generally two types of Courts. State Courts and Federal Courts. This questionnaire is from Federal Court. The Southern District of Georgia is made up of six divisions and includes 43 counties in the southern portion of Georgia.. Each division includes the county and surrounding counties of Savannah, Augusta, Dublin, Statesboro, Brunswick and Waycross. Please complete form and indicate your current county so that we may determine your eligibility.

I AM A FULL-TIME STUDENT NOT LIVING AT HOME, DO I NEED TO COMPLETE THE FORM?

Full time students must also complete the form. However, should you be called to serve in the future your reporting date may be deferred.

I HAVE A PERMANENT DISABILITY OR AM UNABLE TO SERVE BECAUSE OF HEALTH CONCERNS?

If you have a health concern, please indicate this concern on the questionnaire. Remember, this form is not requiring you to report at the current time. If you are called for service in the future, you will have to provide a letter from a licensed physician indicating your disability and why your disability will prevent you from serving on the jury.

I HAVE PERSONAL, RELIGIOUS, OR OTHER REASONS I CAN NOT SERVE?

You need to complete the form as best you can, then list your concerns on the reverse side of the form under remarks. Should you be called at a later date, your concerns will be brought to the attention of the Judge.

I WAS CONVICTED OF A CRIME OR I CURRENTLY HAVE CHARGES PENDING?

Questions 5, 6 and 7 deal with convictions and charges. Answer these questions as truthfully as possible then explain your answers in the remarks section on the rear of the form. Occasionally, the state may restore your rights such as voting and firearm possession. If you were convicted of a crime and your rights have been formally restored, please indicate this on the form.

WILL I BE PAID FOR COMPLETING THE FORM?

The Court has not been authorized to pay to have the form completed, however, if you are summoned for jury service, you will be paid a juror fee, currently 40 dollars a day, plus reimbursed for your travel.

IF YOU HAVE BEEN SELECTED OR CALLED FOR JURY SERVICE WITHIN THE LAST TWO YEARS.

You're still required to complete the form, however, please put in the remarks section when you were called to serve and in which court your service was provided.

I HAD A DUI, IS THIS A CRIME PUNISHABLE BY MORE THAN ONE YEAR?

If you have had one simple DUI then the punishment is less than one year. If you have had multiple DUI convictions, please list this under the remarks section of the form.

**YOU'RE AN EXEMPT CANDIDATE FOR JURY SERVICE (POLICE
OFFICER/SOLDIER/FIREMAN/EMS TECH/ELECTED OFFICIAL/ETC.)
AM I REQUIRED TO COMPLETE THE FORM?**

Yes. Please complete the form and list your employer's name and number.

Should you have any more questions,
please send an email to the following address:

efile_information@gas.uscourts.gov